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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

**BOARD MOTION OF APRIL 22, 2014, AGENDA ITEM 7
CHASE AVENUE BETWEEN AKINS COURT AND HUSTON STREET
MARKED MIDBLOCK CROSSWALK
STEVENSON RANCH PARKWAY AND POE PARKWAY/CHASE AVENUE
CROSSING GUARD SERVICES
UNINCORPORATED STEVENSON RANCH AREA**

This item directs Public Works to install a marked midblock crosswalk on Chase Avenue between Akins Court and Huston Street and crossing guard services at the signalized intersection of Stevenson Ranch Parkway and Poe Parkway/Chase Avenue in the unincorporated Stevenson Ranch area.

The Newhall School District and Pico Canyon Elementary School have expressed a concern for potential hazards on Chase Avenue during the school's drop-off and pick-up times. A request for a marked midblock crosswalk was made since students, parents, and school staff cross Chase Avenue to access an existing pedestrian bridge that connects the rear entrance of Pico Canyon Elementary School and Chase Avenue. The school Principal also requested for crossing guard services at the intersection of Stevenson Ranch Parkway and Poe Parkway/Chase Avenue. Public Works conducted a traffic engineering study and did not recommend the installation of a marked midblock crosswalk or crossing guard services. Consistent with the attached September 24, 1974, Board-adopted policy, we are informing you that a traffic engineering study was performed for the subject location.

As directed, Public Works will complete the installation of the marked midblock crosswalk along with all the appropriate signs, markings, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and other appurtenances that may be necessary by August 31, 2014, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. This work will be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program. Additionally, crossing guard services will also be provided prior to the start of the new school year at an estimated annual cost of \$14,000, which will be financed from the Crossing Guard Program in Public Works' General Fund.

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If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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September 11, 1974

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Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Hall of Administration

850.27.13

Gentlemen:

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Honorable Board direct the Road Department to complete and transmit the results of an Engineering Study to the Board of Supervisors prior to the installation of any traffic control device not recommended by the Road Commissioner.

In recent years public jurisdictions have experienced an increasing number of adverse court decisions in liability cases. The evident erosion of the concept of governmental immunity has led us to ask the County Counsel for a formal opinion concerning the County's potential liability when the Road Commissioner is instructed to install a traffic control device, such as traffic signals or stop signs, at a location where conditions are such that in his best judgment such an installation could increase the potential for accidents.

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JAMES S. MIZE
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

September 11, 1974

In an opinion dated August 21, 1974, copy attached, County Counsel advises that the County has potential liability in such cases. He recommends that, even though the traffic device installation may have already been ordered, the Road Commissioner advise the Board of Supervisors of his professional opinion and receive formal instructions before proceeding with such an installation under these circumstances.

Literally, hundreds of locations are reviewed each year to determine the desirability of traffic control devices. We recognize that the evaluation of the need and determination of the appropriate type of such installations is not an exact science but is based on experience and accepted standards. In addition, the demand for such devices is generated at times by unfortunate and sometimes spectacular accidents, adding emotion and strong public opinion to such request.

It is my intent and desire to continue this Department's long history of maximum responsiveness to the wishes and direction of the Board. All directives of your Board concerning the installation of traffic control devices will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts the recommended policy, I will transmit an engineering study and recommendation for your consideration and determination for those cases where, in my judgment, the installation of a suggested traffic control device could increase the accident potential.

Upon approval, please return one copy of this letter to the Road Department.

Respectfully submitted;

I. L. MORRIS
Road Commissioner

RNS:bs

Attachment

cc: Each Supervisor
Communications Section
C.A.O.
County Counsel



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

9:30 AM

7. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Adopt a resolution that establishes a school crosswalk on Chase Ave. between the intersections of Akins Ct. and Huston St., in the community of Stevenson Ranch; instruct the Director of Public Works to install all appropriate signs, markings, and other appurtenances that may be necessary by August 31, 2014; and report back to the Board to confirm that all work has been completed. (14-1817)

Supervisor Antonovich made a motion to also instruct the Director of Public Works to implement a crossing guard service at the intersections of Stevenson Ranch Parkway, Poe Parkway and Chase Avenue.

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, this item was approved as amended.

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Knabe

Attachments: Motion by Supervisor Antonovich
 Report

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings for the meeting held April 22, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By Sachi A. Hamai